

### REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 10-28, 30-35 and 37-45 remain rejected over Tabata in view of Miller. The Examiner did not act on new claim 46 introduced in the previous amendment.

The Examiner states "Tabata teaches the selection by a user of a visual appearance (binding, etc.) a document would take once printed, and determining in the computer how to bring about this visual appearance to the document, and printing it." Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner is clearly incorrect.

The Examiner was not persuaded by the Applicants' earlier arguments. However, the Examiner did not come forward with any evidence contrary to the Applicants' explanation of Tabata, or any explanation of how Applicants' arguments were flawed. It is unfair for the Examiner to simply dismiss the Applicants' arguments without pointing out how or where those arguments are in error.

Tabata has two possible visual outputs: recording paper 2215 on which an image has been printed, and an LCD display screen 2404. Applicants request that the Examiner specify which of these outputs the Examiner is relying for the rejection.

With respect to the recording paper, Applicants submit that Tabata functions as a normal photocopier. Tabata scans a physical document to create scanned image. Tabata teaches rotating the scanned image so that it fits onto the recording paper, and then printing the rotated image. Tabata does not teach any manipulation of the scanned image other than magnification and rotation. Thus, what is printed by Tabata does not contain any visual indicia of the assembly process. Consequently, what is printed by Tabata does not have the visual appearance of the first electronic document as if printed and assembled in accordance with the instruction. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner point with specificity how or where the Examiner disagrees with these arguments.

With respect to the LCD display, Tabata teaches a conventional photocopier control panel in the form of an LCD display screen (see column 20, lines 42-44 of Tabata). The LCD display screen shows simple icons to present stapling options to the user on a touch panel. Tabata does not teach displaying the scanned image on the LCD display screen. Moreover, Tabata does not teach any manipulation of the scanned image other than magnification and

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rotation. Manipulation of the scanned image would be required to determine and then display the visual appearance of the electronic document as if printed and assembled. Consequently, what is shown on the LCD display screen of Tabata does not have the visual appearance of the first electronic document as if printed and assembled in accordance with the instruction. Again, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner point with specificity how or where the Examiner disagrees with these arguments.

Since neither Tabata nor Miller teach determining a visual appearance of an electronic document as if printed and assembled, the combination of Tabata with Miller cannot render the claims obvious.

Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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